

VAN SCARCITY ADDS TO TENANTS' WOES

Forced to Move October 1 They Cannot Get Trucks to Handle Goods.

NEW APARTMENTS FEW Crowded Condition of Store- age Warehouses Makes Situation Worse.

HOTELS BOOST PRICES Innumerable Lawsuits Are Certain to Be Started, Says Mayor's Aid.

With the approach of New York's semi-annual moving day, Saturday, October 1, thousands of families are endeavoring this week to transport their household goods from old to new abodes, with the result that moving vans are almost impossible to obtain. Charles V. Morris, president of the Moving Van and Storage Association, whose 200 members operate 2,100 vans with 7,500 helpers, said yesterday that the last ten days of September were witnessing the worst congestion the city ever has known.

"The difficulty is," said Mr. Morris, "that there has been little new building and there is no surplus of apartments. As a result, moving becomes a sort of chain affair—a family cannot move into a new apartment until the old tenants have moved out. Every one has waited until as near October 1 as possible, because that is the time that old leases expire and new ones become operative. The present congestion is greater than ever before and it is simply impossible for many persons who must move to get vans at all. They held off early in the month and probably the total number of families to move will not be as great as last September."

"An added feature in complicating matters is that practically all of the city's storage warehouses are crowded to their doors and storage space for household goods is extremely difficult to obtain anywhere in New York."

Mr. Morris, who is president of the Metropolitan Storage Warehouse Company at 29 West Sixty-sixth street, said that applicants were being turned away at its establishment and that the same condition prevailed at most of the warehouses.

Crisis Due Friday. Junius P. Wilson, counsel to the Mayor's committee on rent profiteering, said yesterday that the crisis in the housing situation would come Friday and that he looked for innumerable lawsuits to be started for the possession of dwellings and apartments now occupied by tenants who have refused to meet demands for increased rent and who have had their homes leased over their heads.

"The greatest rent advances," said Mr. Wilson, "are to be found in cases where leases have been running three or four years at the old rate and the landlords are now seeking to meet present day conditions. Many tenants occupying apartments under such leases have refused to hold them, carrying their cases to the courts if necessary. "Many agents and landlords who have leased apartments and dwellings over to tenants have been careful to insert in their contracts a clause in which they do not guarantee the delivery of any specific date. Thousands of notices to vacate have already been served by landlords on tenants whose leases expire September 30. The courts are already months behind on landlord and tenant cases and the expected influx of legal tangles will more than double the size of the existing calendars."

Few New Apartments. "There has been some construction work during the year but the majority of apartments erected are in the \$2,000 and \$3,000 class. Those at \$20 and \$30 a room have, with few exceptions, been leased from the plans so many persons will be disappointed and forced to move to the suburbs."

"Some hotels are seeking to increase rentals to an extent that amounts to a new lease for years, contending the new housing laws do not apply to them. Some apartment house owners are also trying to obtain exemptions from the laws by claiming that their establishments are really hotels. In some instances offices and clerks have been installed on the ground floor for this purpose."

Mr. Wilson said the Mayor's committee has prepared formal letters to be sent landlords in behalf of tenants who refuse to pay increased rentals and that these letters would form the basis for subsequent negotiations. The committee also has prepared formal letters for tenants who have been used for rent.

"On the whole, the situation is not as gloomy as might be feared," said Mr. Wilson. "No conservative landlord need fear applying to the committee for rent increases if he has sufficient grounds. Not all of them are unreasonable. Many persons are laboring under the impression that if their rent is raised 25 per cent. last year, there can be no further increase now. Such is not quite the case. Any landlord who can show he is operating at a loss may have such increases waived or will mitigate for the deficit, even if it is many times more than 25 per cent."

CARTWRIGHT GETS 20 YEARS. Forger Sentenced as "James B. McCaulley" in \$100 Theft.

"Doc" Cartwright, confidence man, forger and burglar, who was convicted on Saturday of second degree forgery, was sentenced to twenty years in Sing Sing by Judge Bonasky in General Sessions yesterday. Cartwright was tried under the name of James B. McCaulley. He also is known as Frank Seymour, H. M. Horton and James Munroe. His real name is believed to be Robert D. Welch, but "Cartwright" was his favorite.

Under the name of McCaulley, in February, 1920, he passed a traveler's check for \$200 on a jeweler in Seventh avenue. It was part of the loot taken in a \$50,000 robbery of a bank in Manhattan.

DANCES IN SCHOOL DIVIDE TOWN INTO HOSTILE CAMPS

American Legion and Volunteer Firemen on One Side and the Katonah Methodist Board on the Other—Benefit Entertainments at Stake.

Recently the Village Improvement Society, the Volunteer Firemen and the American Legion Post up in Katonah held dances in the village school house, the only building in the place containing a hall sufficiently large to permit of a dance.

Despite the fact that J. Franklin Ryan, president of the village school board, says that a maximum of decorum marked the affairs the Katonah Methodist Episcopal Church has demanded that there be no more of it. As a result the school board action will take October 4—its next meeting—has prohibited dancing in the school house. The young folks in Katonah, observing that this leaves them nothing at all to do after nightfall except sleep, started counter action. The result was that the school board received a protest against the church's protest signed by 271 adults of high standing in Katonah.

Additional protests came in to offset the church influence and the board finds itself in possession of letters and statements from members of the church itself, all of them denouncing the protest against dancing. These Methodists say that it is the wish of the church board that dancing be prohibited and not of the congregation as a whole. However, Mr. Ryan says that the matter will be threshed out next Tuesday night and that it looks now as though the majority of Katonah's citizens would place themselves on record for dancing.

Last year there was an effort to forbid baseball on Sunday in Katonah. The town board voted in favor of the game. Then the town's club was closed on Sunday and now that dancing has been attacked the tennis players say they are going to change the rules and play on the courts whenever they choose.

"The school building is the only hall in the village available for semi-public dances," said Mr. Ryan. "The Village Improvement Society, the Volunteer Firemen and the American Legion have conducted their dances there in a manner above reproach. But when the Methodist Church protested the board decided to stop the affairs pending official action."

Katonah is not an incorporated town and the activities of the Village Improvement Society, which is responsible for the care of the streets, the sidewalks and the trees, must have financial support. The village board has been sought through subscription dances. The same is true of the Volunteer Fire Department. As for the American Legion, I understand that there is a new State law that makes school houses available for the social affairs of veterans' organizations."

HIDES RICH SPOIL FROM HIGHWAYMAN F. D. Burroughs Held Up by Motor Bandits on Babylon Turnpike.

The motor bandits that have infested the highways of Nassau county lately held up Fred D. Burroughs of Wood avenue, Roosevelt, L. I. yesterday, and had it not been for Mr. Burroughs' presence of mind, would have robbed him of his cash and several hundred dollars in cash.

As he was driving homeward alone on the Babylon turnpike he noticed two cars drawn across the road and, recollecting the numerous highway robberies that have occurred recently in that section, slipped his gold watch and wallet behind the seat cushion.

Then he turned his car and tried to get away, but the robbers, revolvers drawn and handkerchiefs over their faces, overtook him and made him throw up his hands. All he got was \$2 in silver. Mr. Burroughs told police that two jewel robberies became known yesterday. Mrs. Frances D. Alvord of 9 East Ninety-seventh street reported diamonds and jewelry of unstated value stolen or lost between the Grand Central Station and her home last Monday.

Miss Helena Marsh, contralto of the Metropolitan Opera Company, on returning from the theatre Monday night found her apartment at 370 Central Park West broken into and all of her jewelry, valued at \$4,000 to \$5,000, stolen. The furniture had been upset and tickets for a recital at which Miss Marsh will appear in Aeolian Hall on October 22, were scattered about the room.

PAY NO RENT BOOST OR SIGN LEASE, IS ADVICE Washington Heights Tenants Hear Capt. Ely.

More than 400 members of the Audubon community council of defense and the Washington Heights Tenants' Association at a meeting last night in the assembly hall of Public School No. 46 at St. Nicholas avenue and 154th street, were advised by Capt. H. A. Ely, chairman of the meeting, not to pay any increase in rents this year and not to sign leases.

"If you sign any leases," said Capt. Ely, "you are signing away your right to court and compelling the landlord to give you justice. Do not sign unless the landlord can show absolute justification for an increase. If he writes to you that you will keep the apartment at the old rent and then sit tight and send for us."

Capt. Ely said he was acting on the advice of Charles Marks, attorney for the two organizations, and that he hoped that every one of the 2,500 members of the two associations would do as he suggested.

SUES FOR FAILURE OF BEAUTY EXPERT Miss Huntley Alleges Treatment Injured Her.

Miss E. Roseleah Huntley fared far from her apartment on July 17, 1921, to be made beautiful. She went to the hair dressing establishment of Mrs. Paula Morgan, at 846½ Sixth avenue, and ordered her hair cut, bobbed and shampooed, her scalp massaged, her eyebrows arched and the hair dyed a beautiful walnut brown.

Instead of becoming more beautiful after this treatment, she alleges, in a complaint filed yesterday with the Supreme Court, she was burnt and scarred. She has been unable to work since, and her hair is falling out in spots. She seeks \$10,000 damages.

PENSION FOR MRS. NEVILLE. Movement Started to Aid Slain Policeman's Widow.

Neighbors of the family of Patrolman Daniel A. Neville who live in the Jamaica section of Queens have started a movement to get a reasonable pension for the policeman's widow. Neville was shot and instantly killed while on duty in West Thirty-ninth street on August 27 last. Under existing laws his widow, who has a considerable family to support, would get but a small pension.

Borough President Maurice E. Connelley of Queens yesterday notified the who are at the head of the movement that he would seek to get the support of the city officials to the proposition. State Senator Peter J. McGarry, representing the First Senatorial district in Queens, announced that he has prepared a bill which he will present to the next Legislature empowering the city to give an adequate pension to Mrs. Neville in the same manner as was given to the widow of Lieut. Floyd M. Horton.

RESCUED SAILORS CLOTHED. The thirty men rescued from the Italian steamship *Alicia* by the shipwrecked cable crew were clothed yesterday with underwear, socks, sweaters and pajamas by the New York County Chapter of the Red Cross. None of them had been able to save anything from the wreck, and when they reached port the Society of Italian Immigrants made an appeal for them to the Red Cross.

JAPANESE EXPERTS ARRIVE. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—A group of Japanese, distinguished in the military and civil life of their country, who arrived here yesterday on board the *Siberia Maru*, will tour American and study army and navy tactics, engineering and governmental methods. It was learned today. Later the party will proceed to England and Germany.

\$125,000 IN LIQUORS SEIZED ON THE PIERS

No Claimants Appeared for Whiskey Shipped From Kentucky.

HAD DRUGGISTS' NAMES Brooklyn Cobbler Arrested When Fire Reveals Still in Cellar.

JUDGE RAPS DRY AGENTS Indulge in 'Horse Play,' He Says as Witnesses Are Not Produced.

Hudson and East River piers yielded liquor seizures yesterday valued at about \$125,000. The liquor was in transit from Kentucky for delivery to various New York drug companies. Agents waited to see if the consignees would appear to claim the liquor, and when they did not it was taken over.

In the New York Central freight station at Pier 34 East River 500 cases of whiskey consigned to the Gardo Drug Company, 1694 Park avenue, were taken, and at the same pier the agents seized 250 cases consigned to the Gold Gate Fruit Company, 375 West Broadway. At Pier 28 Hudson River there were 500 cases consigned to M. E. Hunter, Inc., wholesale druggists of 33 Jay street.

James Birbiglia, a Brooklyn cobbler, turned in a fire alarm yesterday after an explosion in the cellar at 614 Wilson avenue, and was arrested later when Patrolman Clark of the Wilson avenue station found a gallon still, three barrels of alcohol and 300 bottles of whiskey. Birbiglia was arraigned before Magistrate Dooley in the Gates avenue court and held in \$1,500 bail on a charge of violating the State liquor act. A police guard was placed over the cellar.

Judge Joseph L. Bodine in the United States District Court in Trenton became indignant over the failure of prohibition agents to produce witnesses in order that the District Attorney's office might properly present charges and declared the agents were guilty of "horse play" with the court and jury. Judge Bodine adjourned court for the day, remarking that the Government should be informed of "such laxity."

David H. Blair, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, called at prohibition headquarters yesterday as he was leaving after a week end in New York. He described his visit as purely social.

FOUR TRAINMEN HELD FOR ALLEGED THEFT Loss of Merchandise in Freight Yards Investigated.

Layton Brown, a freight conductor; Robert Mullins, electrical engineer; Everett Studley, freight brakeman; and James Mulvaney, a switchman, all trusted employees on the Harlem branch of the New York Central Railroad, were arrested in White Plains yesterday charged with participating in the theft of merchandise from cars in the North White Plains freight yards. This brings the total under arrest for the alleged theft to two, eight others, including six railroad employees, having been taken into custody last Saturday.

According to Lieut. Eugene Roberts of the State police, and railroad detectives, several other arrests will be made soon. The freight car robberies have been going on for more than ten years and have resulted in the theft of \$500,000 worth of merchandise, Lieut. Roberts said.

SUES THRICE MARRIED CHORUS GIRL WIFE W. R. Ward Questions Validity of Two Divorces.

Walter R. Ward, coal dealer, of 14 West Seventy-second street, sued yesterday in the Supreme Court for his annulment of his marriage on January 29 last to Dawn Frances, chorus girl, who, he says, also is known as Mae Francis. Ward filed his action on the allegation that since the marriage he has learned Mrs. Ward was married twice before.

In both instances she asserted she obtained divorces in Chicago giving her marital freedom. But Mr. Ward alleges neither Sager Midgley, to whom she was married in Port Erie, Ont., on June 3, 1909, nor Paul C. Hagendorf, whose wife she became in Newark, N. J., on October 14, 1915, was ever a resident of Chicago, and he doubts the validity of his wife's divorces from her former husbands.

LABOR PROTEST IN PUBLIC. Street Meetings Planned Near Home of Justice Strong.

Street corner labor meetings in the vicinity of the home of Supreme Court Justice Selah B. Strong, in Brooklyn, are planned by the Central Trades and Labor Council as part of its campaign against Justice Strong's recent decision restricting leather workers from picketing the plant of the A. L. Reed Company in Richmond Hill. It was announced yesterday by William E. Kehoe, secretary of the council.

Several union leaders made bitter comments yesterday on Justice Strong's decision.

REV. D.A. POLING NEARLY WELL. Associate Pastor of Collegiate Church Recovering.

Members of the family of the Rev. Daniel A. Poling, associate pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church, who was badly injured in an automobile accident last July, received word from him yesterday stating that he had almost wholly recovered and was able to walk without difficulty.

Dr. Poling, whose home is at Port Washington, L. I., is now in Arizona. He was injured while driving with his family to his summer home at Lido Sunapee, N. H., and the first opinion of the surgeons who attended him was that he would be a cripple for life.

CLOTHIERS TO MEET HERE. The National Association of Retail Clothiers will hold its annual convention in New York city next year, probably during September, according to an announcement made yesterday at a meeting of the executive committee of the Waldorf. The association represents more than 1,000 clothiers and furnishes throughout the United States.

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Succeeding these old pioneers came later the able and wise Isidor Straus, and Nathan, his brother, whose sons and kindred have made such a splendid store; the old Lord & Taylor concern before the time of the worthy Mr. Hatch and that giant of them all, James McCreery, the Stern family, and the great mercantile genius, Benjamin Altman, whose institution is his monument.

There are other late comers worthy also of note.

The pity of it is that the merchants of New York do not seem to realize the greatness of their city to any large extent beyond their own personal undertakings, so many of them being like the man in Washington whose family enjoyed the distinction of being leaders in the little church they attended where they opposed every effort for growth in every direction, saying practically, "Me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more."

There can be no question as to who was the first merchant of New York. Every step of A. T. Stewart, from the time that he laid down his schoolmastership and located first at 241 Broadway to try to realize what he could from the stock of linens, Hamburg edgings and handkerchiefs and the like left him by an old school-fellow of his from Ireland to whom Alexander had loaned all the money he had saved.

Thus from a small beginning—the effort to turn the stock of merchandise into money to recover the loan that he had made for friendship sake.

Tall oaks from little acorns do surely grow—sometimes.

The next thing Mr. Stewart did was the Chambers Street Store, to which was added the wholesale establishment, largely of importations from Ireland, and the next step in the years was to the far north of New York City, almost out of town, when Mr. Stewart conceived the building next door to old Grace Church at Broadway and Tenth St.

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